

Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church

MORNING WORSHIP

September 16, 2018 10:15 A.M.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Phantasy on the Hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'"

Post

Welcome and Announcements

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

* Call to Worship:

based on Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

All who thirst, come to the water. Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness. The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us. Drink deeply of these living waters.

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

* Hymn: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

PH 246

* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be God,

And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

* Prayer of the Day:

Lord God Almighty, King of glory and love eternal, you are worthy at all times to receive adoration, praise, and blessing; we praise you now for sending your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, for whom our hearts wait, and to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, be honor and dominion, now and forever. Amen.

* Response: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Insert

CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

based on I John 1:9

Prayer of Confession

* Response: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

PH 493

God's Will for Our Lives:

Exodus 20:1–17

Assurance of Pardon:

Ezekiel 36:25–27; Psalm 103:1–5

Congregational Prayer

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

* Hymn: "Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

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Prayer for Illumination

[Children age 3 – grade K may leave for Children's Church after the prayer.]

Scripture Reading:

Mark 2:1–12 (p. 991)

Sermon: *Healed or Forgiven?*

Prayer

* Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

PH 253, vv. 1, 2, 4

OUR RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Call to Service: Commissioning of Education Ministry Leaders

Leader: At the time of baptism, we promise to nurture one another in our faith. Those who teach in the church carry a particular joy and responsibility. We give thanks to God for the call he has given to these, his servants.

All: **We bless and thank you, Lord, for the prompting of your Spirit which equips them to respond in faith. Continue to pour out your Spirit on them.**

Leader: Do you who teach and assist in the work of teaching believe in your heart you are called by Christ's church, and therefore by Christ, to these ministries?

Teachers: Yes, truly, with all our hearts.

Leader: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to give yourselves to this calling, with diligence, energy, and love, and to be guided by the Spirit and the Word of God?

Teachers: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Leader: As a congregation, we also promise to support these men and women in their service, and to encourage them with our work and our prayers.

All: **May God bring forth in you and through you the fruit of love, joy, and peace; patience, kindness, and goodness; faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. May the harvest of righteousness be multiplied in every ministry, every prayer, every opportunity and interaction for the service to which God has led you.**

* Response: "I Love to Tell the Story"

PH 530

* Offertory Prayer

Offering: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "What Shall I Render to the Lord"

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* Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (Inside front cover of the Psalter Hymnal)

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

- * Benediction: based Psalm 41:13
The love of God the Father, the faithful creator, the peace of Christ, the wounded healer, the joy of the challenging Spirit, the hope of the Three in One surround and encourage you today, tonight, and forever. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. **Amen.**
- * Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" PH 638
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
- * Postlude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Walther
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